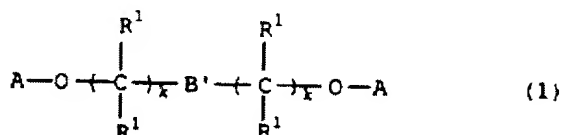


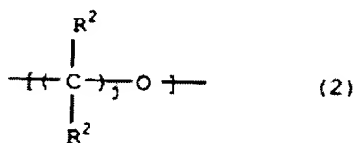
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently amended) An ABA block copolymer, which comprises polyacetal segments (A) and a segment (B) which is derived from a hydrogenated polybutadiene (B') hydroxyalkylated at both ends, said block copolymer being represented by the following formula (1):

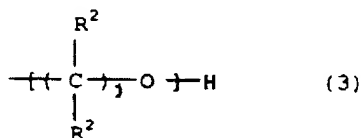


[where A comprises 95-99.9 mol.% of oxymethylene units and 0.1-5 mol.% of oxyalkylene units represented by the following formula (2):



(where R<sup>2</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, an aryl group and a substituted aryl group, and j is an integer selected from 2 to 6), and

the terminal groups are polyacetal copolymer residues having a structure represented by the following formula (3):



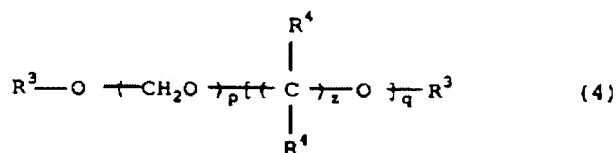
{where  $\text{R}^2$  and  $j$  have the same meanings as defined above},

$\text{B}'$  is a hydrogenated polybutadiene having an iodine value of  $20 \text{ g} - \text{I}_2/100 \text{ g}$  or less and containing 70-98 mol.% of 1,2-bonds and 2-30 mol.% of 1,4-bonds,  $\text{R}^1$  is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, an aryl group and a substituted aryl group, and  $k$  is an integer selected from 2 to 6 where two  $k$ s may be the same or different from each other], the hydrogenated polybutadiene segment hydroxyalkylated at both ends (B) having a number average molecular weight of 500-10,000 and the ABA block copolymer having a number average molecular weight of ~~10,000-5000,000~~ 10,000-500,000.

2. (Previously amended) The ABA block copolymer according to Claim 1, wherein  $\text{B}'$  is a hydrogenated polybutadiene containing 80-95 mol.% of 1,2-bonds and 5-20 mol. % of 1,4-bonds.

3. (Currently amended) A polyacetal resin composition, which comprises 100 parts by weight of a polymer compound (I) comprising 20-100 wt.% of the ABA block copolymer according to Claim 1 and 0-80 wt.% of a polyacetal copolymer having a

number average molecular weight of 10,000-500,000, represented by the following formula (4):



{where  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, an aryl group and a substituted aryl group,  $p = 95 - 99.9$  mol.%,  $q = 0.1 - 5$  mol.%,  $p + q = 100$  mol.%, and  $z$  is an integer selected from 2 to 6}; and 0.1 to 200 parts by weight of at least one of polymer compounds (II) having a number average molecular weight of 500 or more, and selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin-based polymer compound, a polyurethane-based polymer compound, a polyester-based polymer compound, a polystyrene-based polymer compound, a polyacryl-based polymer compound and a polyamide-based polymer compound.

4. (Previously amended) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the polymer compound (II) is a polyolefin-based polymer compound comprising  $\alpha$ -olefin-based-polymer compound.

5. (Previously amended) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 4, wherein the  $\alpha$ -olefin-based polymer compound comprises 0.1 to 6 parts by weight of an ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer having a number average molecular

weight of 500-10,000, comprising 10-70 mol.% of ethylene units and 30-90 mol.% of  $\alpha$ -olefin units.

6. (Previously amended) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 4, wherein the  $\alpha$ -olefin-based polymer compound is an  $\alpha$ -olefin-based copolymer modified by an unsaturated carboxylic acid or its acid anhydride.

7. (Previously amended) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the polymer compound (II) is a polystyrene-based polymer compound comprising a copolymer of an aromatic vinyl monomer and a copolymerizable unsaturated monomer that can be copolymerized with the aromatic vinyl monomer.

8. (Previously amended) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the polymer compound (II) is a polystyrene-based polymer compound comprising a block (a) comprising a styrene monomer and a block (b) comprising isoprene or isoprene-butadiene and containing 20 mol.% or more of vinyl bonds.

9. (Previously amended) A polyacetal resin composition, which comprises 100 parts by weight of the polymer compound (I) set forth in claim 3 and 0.1 to 100 parts by weight of an inorganic filler.

10. (Previously amended) A polyacetal resin composition, which comprises 100 parts by weight of the polymer compound (I) set forth in claim 3, 1 to 20 parts by weight of the polymer compound (II) set forth in claim 3 and 0.1 to 100 parts by weight of an inorganic filler.

11. (Previously amended) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 3, further comprising 0.01 to 0.2 parts by weight of at least two of difatty acid calciums having 12-22 carbon atoms.

12. (Previously amended) A molding comprising an ABA block copolymer according to Claim 1.

13. (Previously amended) The molding according to Claim 12, wherein the molding is a large-diameter gear having a pitch circle diameter of 60 mm or more.

14. (Previously amended) The molding according to Claim 12, wherein the molding is a large-diameter gear having a pitch circle diameter of 100 mm or more.

15. (Previously added) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 3, further comprising 0.01 to 0.9 parts by weight of at least two of esters of a fatty acid having 12-22 carbon atoms with ethylene glycol.

16. (Previously added) A molding comprising a resin composition according to Claim 3.

17. (Previously added) The molding according to Claim 16, wherein the molding is a large-diameter gear having a pitch circle diameter of 60 nm or more.

18. (Previously added) The molding according to Claim 16, wherein the molding is a large-diameter gear having a pitch circle diameter of 100 nm or more.

19. (Previously added) The polyacetal resin composition according to Claim 3, further comprising 0.01 to 0.2 parts by weight of at least two of difatty acid calciums

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having 12-22 carbon atoms and 0.01 to 0.9 parts by weight of at least two of esters of a fatty acid having 12-22 carbon atoms with ethylene glycol.